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The upcoming Arab Global Forum in Washington will bring together U.S. and Arab leaders in the business, political, and media worlds to discuss the state of U.S.-Arab relations six months after President Obama's historic address to the Muslim world. Panelists and participants will address questions including, "Is the Obama magic still there?" "How do we fight mutual misperception in the U.S. and Arab worlds?" and "How should U.S. and Arab investors be looking at each other?"

Shafik Gabr, the founder and convener of this conference, is available for media interviews in New York and Washington.

Mr. Gabr is not only a prominent Egyptian investor and philanthropist, he is also a man with a vision for his country and the Arab world. The level of hope and energy President Obama injected into the region last June has been astounding, and Shafik Gabr wants both Americans and Arabs to harness that energy into concrete action. He has ideas to do just that, ranging from opening trade relationships to increasing educational exchange programs and growing sovereign wealth funds in the Arab world.

Mr. Gabr will be in New York from Tuesday, December 1st – Wednesday, December 2nd and in Washington, D.C. from **Thursday December 3rd – Friday December 4th**. He will be available for on-the-record conversations on the purpose behind the Arab Global Forum, the topics on the agenda, as well as to comment on the current economic and investment outlook in Egypt and the Middle East.

Mr. Gabr is an expert on a number of different topics relative to what you write about, including Egyptian and international finances and markets, financial services, and business operations for international conglomerates.

To schedule an interview or for more information please contact Elana Stein at estein@clsdc.com or 202-777-3517.

Below please find some additional information about Shafik Gabr:

As the Chairman and Managing Director of Artoc Group for Investment and Development, Gabr directs Artoc's activities in investment, engineering and infrastructure, automotive, consumer products, publications and international operations for subsidiaries in Egypt, the USA and Europe.

Although he is extremely involved in the business community, Mr. Gabr is also an active philanthropist. Mr. Gabr started The Shafik Gabr Foundation for Social Development, a non-governmental philanthropic organization promoting social development in Egypt. The foundation's mission is to improve the welfare of the local community with a special focus on providing social, medical and educational services to families in need. The

Foundation's activities are especially concentrated on the under-privileged areas of Mokattam, Mansouria, and Greater Cairo. The Foundation also focuses on contributing help to mothers and infants in the Zilzal earthquake area.

Through the foundation, initiatives have been developed such as providing advanced and regular Medical Caravans to the residents of Mokattam in cooperation with the Ministry of Health. Since its introduction two years ago, this initiative has served over 30,000 patients plus has taken on over 100 medical cases. The Foundation is currently in the planning stage of establishing a permanent medical center in Mokattam.

Mr. Gabr is Chairman and a founding member of Egypt's International Economic Forum (EIEF). Before being appointed as Chairman of EIEF he held the title of Honorary Chairman of the ABC (Arab Business Council of the World Economic Forum) from 1993 to 1997. Mr. Gabr serves on the Egypt – U.S. President's Council, is a member of both the Council of 100 Leaders and the Board of the Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (Cairo), and serves on the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum in Geneva. Mr. Gabr joined the Business Advisory Board of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2005, and the International Advisory Council of Zurich Financial Services in 2007.

Previously, Mr. Gabr was Chairman of the COMESA (Common Market of East & South Africa) Business Council, and a member of several Boards and organizations, including the Conference Board (International Counselor), the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce (Paris), the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum, and the World Bank's Council of Advisors for the MENA Region. He also served as a Director on the Board of the Holding Company for Metallurgical Industries (which supervises 17 major state owned industries).

Mr. Gabr was also a founder of the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt in 1982 and served as its first Egyptian President from 1996 until 1997. He is a member of the Egyptian Businessmen's Association (After serving on its board from 1996 to 1998).

Mr. Gabr received his BA in Economics and Management from the American University in Cairo and an MA degree in Economy from the University of London.

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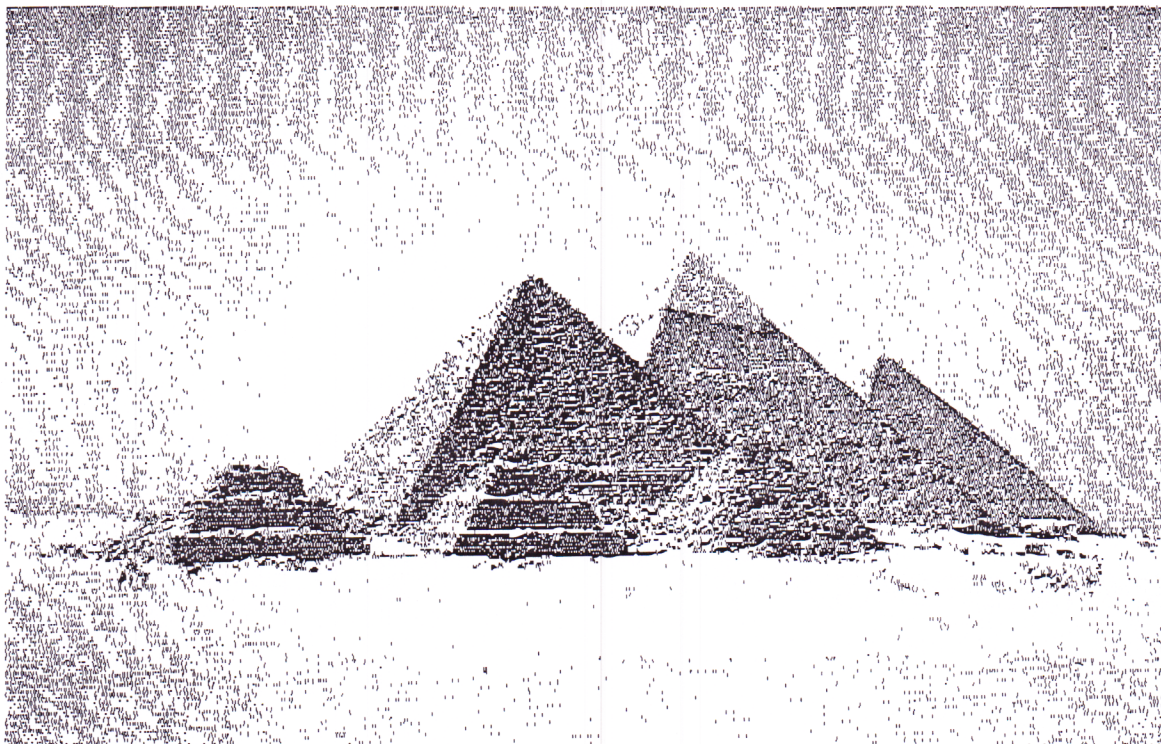
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- The number of tourists visiting Egypt rose from 5.5 million in 2000 to 12.8 million in 2008.
- Egypt was rated the No. 1 price-competitive travel and tourism destination by the World Economic Forum in 2009.



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